presented, this secondary evidence is given a lot of weight since commercial success is considered an important factor in the patentability of an invention, as was the case in Winner International Royalty Corp. v. Wang. In the case of this application, no such secondary evidence has been provided to overcome the obviousness rejection.

For the above reasons, it is believed that the rejections should be sustained.

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